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SUBJECT : INCOME TAX TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

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1. ECON COUNSELOR MET AUGUST 28 WITH K.M. MOSHARRAF HOSSAIN
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL BOARD OF REVENUE, TO REVIEW STATUS OF BDG/
US DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING PROPOSED TAX TREATY.

2. ACCORDING HOSSAIN, BDG TAX TREATY NEGOTIATORS WILL BE DISCUSSING
SUCH TREATIES WITH GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IN OCTOBER; ROMANIA IN
NOVEMBER; AND THE UNITED KINGDOM IN DECEMBER, 1976. ACCORDINGLY,
HE EXPECTED THAT BDG NEGOTIATING TEAM COULD COME TO WASHINGTON
IN JANUARY, 1977 OR LATER, DEPENDING ON CONVENIENCE OF US TREASURY
OFFICIALS. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT EXPERIENCE WITH NEGOTIATIONS OF
TAX TREATIES SUGGESTED THAT MORE THAN ONE ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS
WAS GENERALLY REQUIRED. WE HAVE SENT LETTER TO CHAIRMAN, ALONG WITH
LINES REFTEL A PROPOSING NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON. WE WILL
REPORT BDG FORMAL RESPONSE WHEN WRITTEN REPLY RECEIVED, ALONG
COPY OF BDG TAX LAW.

4. CHAIRMAN CONFIRMED THAT ENGLISH TEXT OF TAX LAW WAS OFFICIAL
TEXT FOR LEGAL PURPOSES; INDEED, LAW WRITTEN IN ENGLISH, ALL AMEND-
MENTS ADOPTED IN ENGLISH, AND NO OFFICIAL BENGALI LANGUAGE VERSION
YET EXISTS. CHAIRMAN ALSO SAID THAT BANGLADESH HAD NOT YET CON-
CLUDED ANY TAX TREATIES ALTHOUGH SEVERAL WERE UNDER NEGOTIATION.
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